

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace **the first paragraph of page 16** with the following amended paragraph:

Fig. 7 shows a view of a personal computer and ~~[[an]]~~ a conventional external data-storing device, which are coupled to each other; and

Please replace **the second paragraph of page 16** with the following amended paragraph:

Fig. 8 shows an example of an ~~outsight-outside~~ configuration of ~~[[an]]~~ a conventional external data-storing device having the USB and/or the IEEE1394 interface.